

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Susan K. Brown-Skrobot et al.

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Dear Sir:

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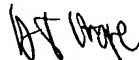
**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. App. Serial No.09/259, 758, which was filed on March 1 1999.

**REMARKS**

An Associate Power of Attorney, and a Three Month Extension of Time accompany this Continuation Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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